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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts: Architectural Studies, Studio Arts, 2017 *cum laude*

Dean's List Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Study Abroad 2016: Prague, Czech Republic, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Vienna, Austria, Zagreb, Croatia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Americorps Construction Crew Leader

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

January 2019-present

- Lead and manage teams of 3-8 unskilled volunteers in various home construction tasks including demolition, framing, insulation, drywall, flooring, roofing, finish carpentry, and landscaping
- Represent Los Angeles HFH affiliate in the community and at functions
- Address volunteer groups of up to 50 people concerning site safety and the HFH mission
- Maintain a safe, tidy, efficient work environment while effectively communicating with both fellow employees and volunteers

Artist Assistant

Richard Wilks Studio, Los Angeles, California

January 2019-present

- Work with artist Richard Wilks and his team on the Liquid Forest project, which uses recycled plastics as a sculpture medium

Research + Spatial Design Intern

Siddhartha Das Studio and JD Centre of Art, New Delhi, India

November 2017-September 2018

- Write and research material for studio publications, presentations, and references
- Graphic design: create flyers, cards, posters, hoardings for exhibitions and projects
- Site visits: take and record measurements, documentation photographs
- Compose 3D models in SketchUp and edit AutoCad drawings
- Compile studio presentation materials

Editorial Intern

Point Line Projects, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Spring 2017

- Research topics in architecture and design history/theory, researching publishers and submissions guidelines for different types of text, research image origins for use in publications
- Proofread texts for publication and coordinate with publishers and other stakeholders
- Conduct and edit interviews to be published in online company publication

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

History of Art & Architecture Department, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Fall 2016

- Work closely with Dr. Rajagopalan in assisting students taking Approaches to the Built Environment to understand the dynamics of urban landscapes by aiding with assignments, holding discussions, and leading class activities

Social Media + Graphics Intern

Phoenix Boutique, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 2015-December 2015

- Updated Phoenix Boutique's website and redesigned boutique logo

- Maintained an active presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Photographed incoming merchandise in aesthetically appealing ways to showcase new inventory online

Staff Illustrator

The Pitt News, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 2014-May 2017

- Design and produce over 40 graphics for the daily school newspaper and other affiliated associations
- Work closely with staff writers from various fields and backgrounds to create visuals that represent their ideas while reaching tight deadlines

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research

University of Pittsburgh: Classics Department, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Spring 2014

- Intense exploration of the origin and meaning of key words in the works of Homer
- Extensive research regarding the history and development of the Iliad and the Odyssey
- Written contribution to Dr. Edwin Floyd's work with the Keywords Project

RELEVANT EXHIBITIONS

- University of Pittsburgh Senior Art Exhibition April 2017
- Light It Up! Video Exhibition March 2017
- History of Art and Architecture Professor's Choice Exhibition March 2016
- Solanco Fair Young Artist's Exhibition September 2008

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- University Club Rowing Team
- University of Pittsburgh AIAS
- Fil Hearn Study Abroad Award
- Russian and Eastern European Studies Study Abroad Award
- Case New Holland Industrial Student Achievement Award Recipient 2014

SKILLS

Basic French, Spanish, AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp, Adobe Creative Suite, Corel Draw, Public Speaking